

California eHealth Partners/Organizations

(Asterisks denotes program received ARRA/HITECH funding)*

Beacon Grantee—UC San Diego*

The Beacon Community Cooperative Agreement Program will provide funding to communities to build and strengthen their health information technology (health IT) infrastructure and exchange capabilities to demonstrate the vision of the future where hospitals, clinicians and patients are meaningful users of health IT, and together the community achieves measurable improvements in health care quality, safety, efficiency, and population health. The UC San Diego Health System received a \$15 million grant aimed at partnering with local health entities to improve patient care, safety and efficiency through information technology in the San Diego community.

For more information, go to: <http://health.ucsd.edu/news/2010/5-4-beacon-community.htm> or <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=50455>

Cal eConnect*

Cal eConnect is the governance entity designated by the state to provide leadership and implement, with public input, Strategic and Operational Plans already developed by the state. Cal eConnect is also charged with developing a sustainable business model, establishing ground rules and policies to ensure safety and security within HIE, engaging patients (particularly those who are vulnerable and underserved), identifying core HIE services, and arranging for provision of such services. <http://www.caleconnect.org/>

Cal eRx

Cal eRx is an organization promoting e-prescribing (eRx) as part of an electronic health record (EHR) as the standard of care. Its objectives are to inform a statewide plan to ultimately increase provider adoption of e-prescribing, promote payer provision of eligibility and other information, increase pharmacy productivity, and raise confidence and demand amongst consumers and purchasers. <http://www.calerx.org>

CalHIPSO*

Founded by clinical providers from the California Medical Association, the California Primary Care Association, and the California Association of Public Hospitals & Health Systems, the California Health Information Partnership and Services Organization (CalHIPSO) is a non-profit organization that offers a variety of programs and services designed to help clinical providers transition from a paper-based practice to one that successfully uses electronic health records. CalHIPSO is responsible for a wide range of activities related to identifying and signing up physicians for EHRs, vendor vetting, workforce development, regulatory activities, reporting, developing and implementing privacy and security best practices, and group purchasing. CalHIPSO provides services to all of California, except for Los Angeles and Orange counties. <http://www.calhipso.org/>

California Department of Public Health

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is working together with state departments, agencies, local health departments, and other organizations to establish safe and secure health information exchange. Our departmental goal is to align public health programs to meet federal requirements for Meaningful Use. We are assessing programs to be able to receive electronic laboratory and syndromic surveillance data from eligible providers and hospitals. We are also researching solutions to improve immunization information exchange between providers and immunization registries within the state. In addition, CDPH is continuing to identify public health programs that are impacted by Meaningful Use and to explore implications to improve public health efficiencies and outcomes. <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/data/informatics/Pages/eHealth.aspx>

California Health Workforce Alliance (CHWA)*

The California Health Workforce Alliance (CHWA) seeks to develop and support activities that will educationally and professionally develop more than one million persons. Through a public-private partnership to implement strategies to meet California's emerging health workforce needs, the alliance will link state, regional, and institutional workforce initiatives to reduce duplicated efforts, develop a master plan, and advance current health

workforce needs. In the next 30 years, CHWA will develop initiatives that educationally and developmentally prepare more than one million healthcare workers. <http://calhealthworkforce.org/>

California Telehealth Network (CTN)*

The California Telehealth Network (CTN) is a program funded by the Federal Communication Commission's Rural Health Care Program. Its aim is to significantly increase access to acute, primary and preventive health care in rural America through the use of telecommunications in healthcare settings. <http://www.caltelehealth.org/>

California Office of Health Information Integrity (OHII)*

The California Office of Health Information Integrity (CalOHII) develops new privacy and security standards to enable the adoption and application of HIE in California. CalOHII is also engaged in the expansion of broadband throughout California, the implementation of telehealth, and providing support to the Health Information Technology Financing study. Facilitated by CalOHII, the Privacy and Security Advisory Board (PSAB) develops and recommends the new standards. Adoption of privacy and security standards for HIE will ensure that a person's critical health information can move safely and securely to the point of care. <http://www.ohi.ca.gov>

CalOptima Regional Extension Center (COREC)*

Through a \$4.6 million federal grant, CalOptima will serve as Orange County's Regional Extension Center (REC), providing education and technical assistance to primary care physicians as they make the move to the new technology. <http://www.caloptima.org/en/Providers/RegionalExtensionCenter.aspx>

eHealth Coordinating Committee*

The eHealth Coordinating Committee is a multi-stakeholder committee created to coordinate various HITECH and eHealth initiatives. The Coordinating Committee, with counsel from five workgroups, identifies services that may be shared by participants and propose plans to fund and coordinate their delivery. This body's goal is to identify barriers to success for the various partners and propose solutions, providing direct assistance where possible and desired. <http://www.ehealth.ca.gov/eHealthPartners/tabid/124/Default.aspx>

eHealth Advisory Board

The eHealth Advisory Board supports coordinated and collaborative efforts among a diversity of healthcare stakeholders to adopt HIT, exchange health information, and develop and comply with statewide policy guidelines. The Board also seeks to maximize California's competitiveness in applying for federal HIE implementation funding and ensure accountability and transparency in the expenditure of public funds. Finally, the Board aims to improve public health using health information exchange through stronger public health surveillance and emergency response capabilities.

<http://www.ehealth.ca.gov/AdvisoryBoards/eHealthAdvisoryBoard/tabid/88/Default.aspx>

HITEC-LA*

HITEC-LA is the exclusive federally-designated HIT Regional Extension Center (REC) for Los Angeles County, charged with helping doctors and primary care providers purchase, implement and use electronic health records in a meaningful way. HITEC-LA will help providers assess their technology needs, as well as offer education, training, and on-site technical assistance. <http://www.hitecla.org/>

MediCal EHR Incentive Program*

The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act) established programs under Medicare and Medicaid to provide incentive payments to eligible professionals and eligible hospitals as they demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology. Beginning in 2011, eligible Medi-Cal providers and hospitals will be able to receive incentive payments to assist in purchasing, installing, and using electronic health records in their practices. <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/DHCSOHIT.aspx>

Western Regional HIT Consortium*

To address the need for qualified healthcare workers, the Western Regional HIT Consortium will rapidly create or expand health IT academic programs at community colleges in the Western region, consisting of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada. Educating health IT professionals will facilitate the implementation and support of EHRs. *(no website available)*